



Our topic this term is *Britain at War*. We will be learning about the Great War and World War 2. We will be thinking about what life was like for the people living in Britain at the time and how their lives were affected by the conflict. We will be creating maps to show places that were targeted during the Battle of Britain.

In Science, our topic will be '*Properties and Changes of Materials*'. The unit teaches children about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. The children will sort and classify objects according to their properties.

Our PSHE lessons will focus on the positive qualities of being part of a team. We will then move on to discuss Britain representing a wide range of faiths and ethnicities.

In R.E. children will explore the theme of Forgiveness. We focus on Judaism and Buddhism with children learning about Teshuvah (how Jewish people ask for forgiveness.)



In Design and Technology, the children will be celebrating culture and seasonality with a focus on food.

In Art we will be creating some dramatic images of the Blitz, painting watercolour poppies and exploring perspective.

In computing, we will continue to teach an awareness of online safety and use the Purple Mash software to use coding vocabulary to create a playable, competitive game.

In P.E. lessons children will be making a sequence of symmetrical and asymmetrical balances as well as other aspects of gymnastic floor work. Outdoor, they will play effectively in a variety of positions and formations on the pitch whilst attacking and using defensive tactics in gameplay.

**Children will need to wear their PE Uniform on their allocated PE days. In addition, children will need to have a pair of black pumps, for indoor PE lessons, in school at all times.**

In Literacy we will be reading texts/watching clips that involve stories by famous authors, non-fiction and a variety of narrative texts, including poetry.

We will be following the Readwriter Spelling scheme where children will be taught spelling patterns and rules, they will have weekly spellings, to learn at home, which will be applied through regular activities in class.

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, both independently and to an adult for at least 10 minutes each day and sign their diary if you hear them read.
- Reminding them to record their reading in their diary.
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding.
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails, get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- Practising their spellings with them.



In Maths we will be covering all areas of the Maths curriculum. It is important that the children practise their times tables at home. Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to **practise their times tables** and the corresponding division facts. Year 5 and 6 children should know all the times tables.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping, telling the time.
- Helping them to complete any homework.

### ***SATs Preparation for Year 6 only***

We will continue to follow Government advice. Information will be provided at a later date.

### ***Dates for you diary***

Year 6 Residential Visit to Astley Burf 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### ***Homework***

Children record formal homework in their homework diaries and we would ask that parents check these regularly. This work is often in the form of completing work that has been started in class. Teachers will comment in diaries as and when necessary and parents are encouraged to do the same.

### **Homework will be set as follows:**

Literacy/Spelling: Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.

Maths: Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.

TT Rockstars: Set by their maths teacher.

In addition to formally set homework pupils in Years 5/6 are expected to:

- Read their own choice of book *every* day.
- Revise and learn work covered in Maths, Literacy and Science.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us via the ClassDojo or class email address.

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Thank you for your continued support

*Mrs Pickett, Miss O'Connor, Mrs Cook, Mrs Brannon, Miss Hughes and Mrs Barratt*



Year 5&6  
Autumn Term  
**Britain at War**

We hope that our overview of this term's topic will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.